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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT**

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
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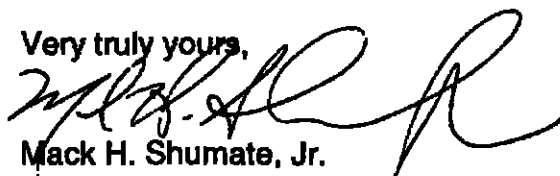
**Re: Docket No. Ab-33(Sub-No. 153X) - Union Pacific Railroad Company -  
Abandonment Exemption - in Monroe County, IA (Oskaloosa Subdivision  
between Eddyville, IA and Maxon, IA)**

Dear Mr. Williams.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request of **withdrawal** of the trails use request filed by the Iowa Trails Council in the above-referenced matter. By letter dated April 18, 2007, Tom F. Neenan, Executive Director of the Iowa Trails Council, has informed the Union Pacific that it has been unable to find a sponsor for the conversion of this particular right-of-way into a recreational trail. (A copy of Mr. Neenan's letter is attached as Exhibit "A"). Union Pacific will process this particular matter toward consummation.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter is enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Very truly yours,



Mack H. Shumate, Jr.

Enclosures

cc: Tom F. Neenan,  
Iowa Trails Council

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April 18, 2007

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Dear Mr. Shumate:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to the Surface Transportation Board with reference to the Union Pacific's right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa between Milepost 315 1 and 322 9

The Union Pacific Railroad has been most cooperative in allowing us to continue our negotiations for acquisition of this corridor for use as a trail, over a considerable length of time. Our file, comprising years of correspondence and recorded visits with individuals in the area of this right-of-way is several inches thick.

This is a first for us, that we have given up in our efforts to find or form a group of civic minded citizens who saw the merits of such a conversion in an area where we believed such a project could succeed. We must, however, recognize the fact that we can no longer continue to promote this cause from this distance.

We thank you for your patience in extending time periods in which we could continue to locate support for this cause in the area.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan